

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Martin R. Springer, Trinity Lutheran Ministries, Edwardsville, Illinois. **Page H7729**

Providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules: The House agreed to H. Res. 466, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by a yea-and-nay vote of 248 yeas to 169 nays, Roll No. 855, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 854. **Pages H7737–45**

Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2112, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, by a yea-and-nay vote of 298 yeas to 121 nays, Roll No. 857. **Pages H7746–82**

H. Res. 467, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 262 yeas to 156 nays, Roll No. 856, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H7733–37, H7745–46**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House began consideration of the following resolution under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States: H.J. Res. 2, amended, to propose a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Pages H7782–H7805

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his decision to extend production of the Naval Petroleum Reserves for a period of 3 years from April 5, 2012—referred to the Committee on Armed Services and ordered printed (H. Doc. 112–73). **Page H7805**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7805.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7744, H7744–45, H7745–46, and H7781. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND AUDIBILITY REFORM

Committee on Armed Services: Panel on Defense Financial Management and Audibility Reform held a hear-

ing on Industry Perspectives on Achieving Audit Readiness. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SOLYNDRA FAILURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Solyndra Failure: Views from DOE Secretary Chu.” Testimony was heard from Steven Chu, Secretary, Department of Energy.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a markup of the following: H.R. 1588, the “Consumer Rental Purchase Agreement Act”; and H.R. 1723, the “Common Sense Economic Recovery Act of 2011.” H.R. 1588 was forwarded, as amended. H.R. 1588 did not pass.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 2918, the “Taiwan Policy Act of 2011;” and H.R. 2992, the “Taiwan Airpower Modernization Act of 2011.” H.R. 2918 and H.R. 2992 were ordered reported, as amended.

2011 INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM REPORT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing entitled “The 2011 International Religious Freedom Report.” Testimony was heard from Leonard Leo, Chairman, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom; and public witnesses.

NARCOTERRORISM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Narcoterrorism and the Long Reach of U.S. Law Enforcement, Part II.” Testimony was heard from Derek S. Maltz, Special Agent in Charge, Special Operations Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

S&T ON A BUDGET

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies held a hearing entitled “S&T on a Budget: Finding Smarter Approaches to Spur Innovation, Impose Discipline, Drive Job Creation and Strengthen Homeland Security.” Testimony was heard from Tara O’Toole, Under Secretary, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and David C. Maurer, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS OFFICES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled “Ensuring Coordination and Cooperation: A Review of the Emergency Communications Offices Within the Department of Homeland Security.” Testimony was heard from Chris Essid, Director, Office of Emergency Communications, Department of Homeland Security; John O'Connor, Manager, National Coordinating Center for Communications, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Damon Penn, Assistant Administrator, National Continuity Programs, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Eric Edwards, Director, Disaster Emergency Communications Division, Response Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency; and Linda K. Moore, Specialist in Telecommunications and Spectrum Policy, Congressional Research Service.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 1996, the “Government Litigation Savings Act”; H.R. 1864, the “Mobile Workforce State Income Tax Simplification Act of 2011”; and H.R. 2815, to revise the Federal charter for the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., to reflect a change in eligibility requirements for membership. H.R. 2815 was ordered reported without amendment. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1966; and H.R. 1864.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 200, the “Inland Empire Perchlorate Ground Water Plume Assessment Act of 2011”; H.R. 205, the “HEARTH Act of 2011”; H.R. 1545, the “Waco Mammoth National Monument Establishment Act of 2011”; H.R. 2027, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI-04P, Easton Beach Unit RI-05P, Almy Pond Unit RI-06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI-07 in Rhode Island; H.R. 2070, the “World War II Memorial Prayer Act of 2011”; H.R. 2087, to remove restrictions from a parcel of land situated in the Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia; H.R. 2154, to correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Gasparilla Island Unit FL-70P; H.R. 2236, the “Wildlife Refuge System Conservation Semipostal Stamp Act of 2011”; H.R. 2336, the “York River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2011”; H.R. 2362, the “In-

dian Tribal Trade and Investment Demonstration Project Act of 2011”; H.R. 2606, the “New York City Natural Gas Supply Enhancement Act”; H.R. 2719, the “Rattlesnake Mountain Public Access Act of 2011”; H.R. 2834, the “Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act”; H.R. 2938, the “Gila Bend Indian Reservation Lands Replacement Clarification Act”; H.R. 3117, the “Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2011”; H.R. 3397, the “Cabin Fee Act of 2011”; H.R. 3404, to establish in the Department of the Interior an Under Secretary for Energy, Lands, and Minerals and a Bureau of Ocean Energy, an Ocean Energy Safety Service, and an Office of Natural Resources Revenue, and for other purposes; and S. 535, the “Fort Pulaski National Monument Lease Authorization Act.” The following were ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 200; H.R. 2027; H.R. 2236; H.R. 2362; H.R. 2719; H.R. 3392; and S. 535. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 205; H.R. 1545; H.R. 2070; H.R. 2087; H.R. 2154; H.R. 2336; H.R. 2606; H.R. 2834; H.R. 2938; H.R. 3117; and H.R. 3404.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 373, the “Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2011”; H.R. 3071, the “Presidential Records Act Amendments of 2011”; H.R. 665, the “Excess Federal Building and Property Disposal Act of 2011”; and H.R. 3433, the “Grant Reform and New Transparency (GRANT) Act of 2011.” The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 665; H.R. 3071; H.R. 3433; and H.R. 373.

WORKFORCE DEMOCRACY AND FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3094, the “Workforce Democracy and Fairness Act.” The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as original text for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment

may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Testimony was heard from Chairman Kline; Rep. George Miller of California; Rep. Andrews; and Rep. Bishop of New York.

FOSTERING QUALITY SCIENCE AT EPA

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing entitled "Fostering Quality Science at EPA: The Need for Common Sense Reform." Testimony was heard from Paul Anastas, Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development, Environmental Protection Agency; David Trimble, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and Arthur Elkins, Jr., Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency.

REGULATIONS ON FAMILY FARMERS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade held a hearing entitled "Adrift in New Regulatory Burdens and Uncertainty: A Review of Proposed and Potential Regulations on Family Farmers." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL TAX REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on the international tax reform discussion draft released on October 26, 2011 by the Committee on Ways and Means. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing on ongoing intelligence activities. This was a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

TAX REFORM

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine if tax reform can boost business investment and job creation, after receiving testimony from Stephen J. Entin, Institute for Research on the Economics of Taxation, Chad Stone, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, and Seth Hanlon, Center for American Progress Action Fund, all of

Washington, D.C.; and Dan R. Mastromarco, Argus Group, Arlington, Virginia.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1201)

H.R. 368, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify and improve certain provisions relating to the removal of litigation against Federal officers or agencies to Federal courts. Signed on November 9, 2011. (Public Law 112–51)

H.R. 818, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District. Signed on November 9, 2011. (Public Law 112–52)

S. 894, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2011, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. Signed on November 9, 2011. (Public Law 112–53)

S. 1487, to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to establish a program to issue Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards. Signed on November 12, 2011. (Public Law 112–54)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Panel on Business Challenges within the Defense Industry, hearing on Creating a 21st Century Defense Industry, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, hearing entitled "Internet Gaming: Regulating in an Online World." 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, continue hearing entitled "ANWR: Jobs, Energy and Deficit Reduction." 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on the following: the "American-Made Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act"; the "Alaskan Energy for American Jobs Act"; "Protecting Investment in Oil Shale the Next Generation of Environmental, Energy, and Resource Security Act;" and the "Coal Miner Employment and Domestic Energy Infrastructure Protection Act."